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PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATIONAL RESOURCES IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN AND OTHER ARAB TERRITORIES

Report of the Economic Committee

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories (agenda item 13) at its 11th, 14th and 16th meetings, on 22, 24 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social consequences of the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Syrian Golan (A/47/294-E/1992/84).

2. At the 11th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item and heard statements by the representatives of Bahrain, Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran. The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan

3. At the 14th meeting, on 24 July, the observer for Tunisia 1/, on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, 1/ Jordan, 1/, Lebanon, 1/ the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, 1/ Mauritania, 1/ Morocco, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia 1/ and Yemen, 1/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.9) entitled "Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied

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1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

since 1967, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan". Subsequently, Iraq 1/ joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

4. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), informed the Committee of the result of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and amended operative paragraph 2 thereof, by replacing the words "without any legal basis" by the words "without any legal effect".

5. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America proposed that no action be taken on the draft resolution in the Economic Committee.

6. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic requested that a recorded vote be taken on the motion proposed by the representative of the United States of America.

7. Following statements by the representatives of Algeria, the Russian Federation, Morocco, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Syrian Arab Republic and Romania, the Committee rejected the motion to take no action on the draft resolution in the Economic Committee by a recorded vote of 30 to 14, with 6 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, Germany, Italy, Poland, Russian Federation, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining: France, Japan, Romania, Spain, Swaziland, Turkey.

8. The Committee then adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.9, as orally amended, by a recorded vote of 47 to 2, with 3 abstentions (see para. 14 below). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia.

Against: Russian Federation, United States of America.

Abstaining: Benin, Canada, Japan.

9. Before the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States of America and the Syrian Arab Republic.

10. The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

11. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States of America, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Sweden.

12. At the same meeting, the observer for Israel made a statement.

13. Also at the same meeting, the observer for Palestine made a statement.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

14. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/199 of 20 December 1991,

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and affirming the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, and Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 497 (1981) of 17 December 1981,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 465 (1980) of 1 March 1980 and other resolutions affirming the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, 2/ to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967,

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2/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

Expressing its concern at the establishment by Israel, the occupying Power, of settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, including the settlements of new immigrants therein,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 3/

2. Deplores the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the other Arab territories occupied since 1967, and regards the settlements as unlawful and without any legal effect;

3. Recognizes the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied by Israel since 1967, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan;

4. Strongly deplores Israel's practices in the occupied Palestinian territory and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, in particular its confiscation of land, its appropriation of water resources, its depletion of other economic resources and its displacement and deportation of the population of those territories;

5. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the population of the Syrian Golan to their natural and all other economic resources, and regards any infringement thereof as being without any legal validity;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER

Report of the Economic Committee

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster (agenda item 14) at its 10th, 14th and 16th meetings, on 21, 24 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster (A/47/322-E/1992/102);

(b) Statement submitted by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/1992/NGO/4).

2. At the 10th meeting, on 21 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item and heard an introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General and United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation for Chernobyl.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Belarus, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) and Poland and the observers for Ukraine and Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries). The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made a statement. The representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, a non-governmental

organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made a statement.

International cooperation and coordination of efforts to address and mitigate the consequences of the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant

4. At the 14th meeting, on 24 July, the representative of the Russian Federation, on behalf of Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, Japan, Mexico, Norway, 1/ Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation, Suriname, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine, 1/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.7) entitled "International cooperation and coordination of efforts to address and mitigate the consequences of the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant". Subsequently, Algeria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, 1/ France, Germany, Greece, 1/ Hungary, 1/ Ireland, 1/ Italy, Luxembourg, 1/ the Netherlands, 1/ New Zealand, 1/ Portugal, 1/ Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

5. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.7 (see para. 8 below).

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

7. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster (A/47/322-E/1992/102) (see para. 9 below).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

8. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

International cooperation and coordination of efforts to address and mitigate the consequences of the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming its resolutions 1990/50 of 13 July 1990 and 1991/51 of 26 July 1991,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/190 of 21 December 1990 and 46/150 of 18 December 1991,

Taking note with appreciation of the decisions adopted by the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 45/190 and 46/150,

Taking note of the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the first part of its thirty-second session, 2/

Taking note with appreciation of the contribution made by Member States and by organizations of the United Nations system in the development of cooperation to mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and encouraging further contributions, including contributions to projects under the Joint Plan executed by the organizations of the United Nations system,

Expressing profound concern about the ongoing effects on the lives and health of people, especially children, in the affected areas of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine and also in other countries affected by the Chernobyl disaster,

Aware of the need to strengthen further the coordination of active efforts, through international and, in particular, national measures, to mitigate and minimize the radiological, health, socio-economic, psychological and environmental consequences of that disaster, as well as its possible long-term effects, including those resulting from transboundary contamination,

Stressing the importance of providing extensive information on all aspects of this disaster and its causes for the purpose of avoiding similar calamities in the future,

Stressing the responsibility of each State, particularly through its safety authorities and its plant operators, for the safety of its nuclear

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2/ See A/47/16 (Part 1).

power plants and encouraging cooperation to this end throughout the world, in particular in Central and Eastern Europe, and emphasizing the high priority that should be given by the countries concerned to eliminating this danger through safety improvements and other appropriate measures with the support of the international community,

1. Takes note of the practical measures that have been taken by the Secretary-General to coordinate the activities of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other measures to implement General Assembly resolutions 45/190 and 46/150;

2. Appeals to all States Members of the United Nations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, charity foundations, the business community, scientific bodies and individuals to make contributions and to provide all possible social, medical, food and other humanitarian assistance for the purpose of rehabilitation of the population in the affected areas of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine;

3. Requests the Secretary-General and the United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation for Chernobyl to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of resolutions 45/190 and 46/150.

9. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster. 3/

3/ A/47/322-E/1992/102.

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PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Report of the Economic Committee

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of public administration and finance (agenda item 15) at its 8th, 9th and 16th meetings, on 20 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on public administration and finance matters (E/1992/13).

2. At the 'th and 9th meetings, on 20 July, the Committee held a general discussion o.. the question of public administration and finance (agenda item 15).

3. At the 8th meeting, on 20 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Transnational Corporations and Management Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

4. At the 9th meeting, on 20 July, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), the Philippines, Poland, Japan, the Russian Federation , Australia, Romania, Bangladesh, Morocco, Colombia, China and Chile, as well as by the observer for Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries). The representative of the International Labour Organisation made a statement. Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the International Organization of Consumers Unions, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I.

Report of the Secretary-General on public administration and finance matters

5. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend that the Economic and Social Council take note of the report of the Secretary-General on public administration and finance matters and that the Secretary-General be requested to convene the Eleventh Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance in 1993.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

6. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION

Report of the Secretary-General on public administration and finance matters

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on public administration and finance matters; 1/

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to convene the Eleventh Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance in 1993.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Letter dated 17 July 1992 from the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization addressed to the Secretary-General

At its twenty-sixth session, held in Paris from 15 October to 7 November 1991, the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) unanimously adopted resolution 5.6, entitled "Consultations with the United Nations with a view to declaring 1995 United Nations year for tolerance".

In paragraph 2(d) of the resolution, the General Conference invited me "to examine, in consultation with the United Nations, the appropriate arrangements for declaring 1995, which is the fiftieth anniversary of UNESCO, United Nations year for tolerance, and to prepare a declaration on tolerance that might be discussed and possibly adopted on that occasion".

I am sure you will agree that the world situation and the transformations it has undergone in recent years require more rigorous action to encourage coexistence between communities and to promote a culture of tolerance among men.

Accordingly, in keeping with the mandate given to me by the General Conference, I am writing to request you to draw the attention of the Economic and Social Council to this initiative by the UNESCO General Conference.

I remain at your disposal for any further information you may require. Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Federico MAYOR
Director-General

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Annex

RESOLUTION 5.6 OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

Consultations with the United Nations with a view to declaring 1995 United Nations year for tolerance

The General Conference,

Considering that the Charter of the United Nations affirms in its preamble that the practice of tolerance is one of the principles to be applied to attain the ends pursued by the United Nations of preventing war and maintaining peace,

Recalling the relevant provisions of UNESCO's Constitution relating to the promotion of knowledge and mutual understanding,

Recalling resolutions 6.21 and 3.331(d) adopted by the General Conference at its thirteenth and fifteenth sessions respectively, and relevant subsequent recommendations, especially resolutions 5.1 (para. 2.A(c)), 5.2 and 7.1 (para. 2.A(a)(iv)), adopted at its twenty-fifth session,

Recalling the guidelines given in the third Medium-Term Plan (25 C/4 Approved, para. 394) on dialogue between different philosophical and spiritual schools of thought, and on its role in education, based on the shared values of peace, tolerance and human dignity,

Deeply concerned by the new forms of intolerance that threaten the ideals on which the United Nations was founded and for which UNESCO ceaselessly strives in its own fields of competence,

Convinced that ethical reflection contributes to better control of the harmful effects of modernity on the natural environment and on societies and cultures,

Convinced that tolerance - the recognition and appreciation of others, the ability to live together and to listen to others, and the capacity for give-and-take - is the sound foundation of any just and enlightened civil society and of an equitable world order,

1. Appeals to all Member States to develop a spirit of tolerance based on their philosophical, religious and cultural values, on their humanist tradition and on the most widely recognized universal values;

2. Invites the Director-General:

(a) to explore the possibility of strengthening the Organization's programme on ethics and the specific study of spiritual, ethical and cultural values and how they have evolved;

(b) to encourage Member States to make the public aware of the importance of the issues of tolerance and mutual understanding and to foster a healthy and constructive awareness of differences as a source of mutual enrichment;

(c) to explore ways and means of promoting international tolerance in accordance with the aims and principles of the United Nations;

(d) to examine, in consultation with the United Nations, the appropriate arrangements for declaring 1995, which is the fiftieth anniversary of UNESCO, United Nations year for tolerance, and to prepare a declaration on tolerance that might be discussed and possibly adopted on that occasion.

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ELECTIONS

Committee on Natural Resources

Note by the Secretariat

1. By decision 1992/218 of 30 April 1992, the Economic and Social Council decided to hold elections for the membership of the Committee on Natural Resources, established by the same decision, at its substantive session of 1992, as an exceptional measure. By its subsequent decision 1992/222 of 29 May 1992, the Council decided on the regional allocation of seats in the Committee (see E/1992/L.25).

2. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235, the Committee is to be composed of 24 experts nominated by Governments and elected by the Economic and Social Council. Their term of office will begin on 1 January 1993. They will act in their personal capacity and are eligible for re-election.

3. The following candidates were nominated by their Governments. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in the annex.

Eastern European States

Vladislav M. Dolgopolov (Russian Federation)
Neculai Pavlovschi (Romania)

Latin American and Caribbean States

José Manuel Mejía Angel (Colombia)

Western European and other States

Ozden Bilen (Turkey)
D. A. Davis (Canada)
Malin Falkenmark (Sweden)
Ugo Farinelli (Italy)
Hendrik Martinus Oudshoorn (Netherlands)
Karlheinz Rieck (Germany)
R. W. Roye Rutland (Australia)

Annex

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Ozden Bilen (Turkey). Deputy Director General of State Hydraulic Works (DSI). Was responsible for the technical direction and contract management of large-scale irrigation projects. Since 1985, has represented Turkey at meetings of the Joint Technical Committee on the subject of regional waters (Tigris and Euphrates) held periodically with the participation of Turkish, Iraqi and Syrian experts. Consultant to the World Bank for the preparation of a paper on comprehensive water resources management policies. Member of the Chamber of Turkish Civil Engineers and the Turkish National Committee of ICID.

Denis A. Davis (Canada). Director General, Inland Waters Directorate, Conservation and Protection, Department of Environment, Canada. Former Regional Director, Western and Northern Region, Inlands Water Directorate, Department of Environment, Regina. Provides expert advice on water matters and participates in interjurisdictional board/committee activities. Responsible for the coordination of groundwater activities within the Conservation and Protection Service. Served on many federal-provincial and Canada-United States committees related to water resource management and conflict resolution.

Vladislav M. Dolgopolov (Russian Federation). Deputy Head of the Metallurgy Department of the Ministry of Science, Higher Education and Technology Policy. Has profound experience in the geological and geochemical fields. Has coordinated and taken part in realizing important state, regional and subregional programmes on geological and mineral resources exploration. Author of more than 30 publications. Since 1983, has participated in the regular sessions of the Committee on Natural Resources.

Malin Falkenmark (Sweden). Professor of International Hydrology at the Natural Science Research Council and Chairman of the National Swedish IHP Committee. Her extensive international experience includes Rapporteur General at the United Nations Water Conference in 1977 and Chair of the International Water Resources Association's Committee on Water Strategies for the 21st Century. She currently serves as consultant to FAO and the World Bank and as scientific adviser to the World Bank/UNEP/UNDP Global Environmental Facility. Author of more than 150 water science publications. She is also a Global 500 Laureate.

Ugo Farinelli (Italy). Alternate Chairman/Vice-Chairman of the Euratom-ENEA Management Committee on Nuclear Fusion. Previously, Professor of Nuclear Physics, Rome University. Extensive experience in the fields of neutronics and reactor physics, and new and renewable sources of energy. Over 40 publications on renewable energies and energy conservation. Member of the International Solar Energy Society, the Moscow International Energy Club and the European Physics Society.

José Manuel Mejía Angel (Colombia). Has prepared numerous hydrological studies and acted as consultant for water resource projects in Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Guatemala and Suriname. Has also developed mathematical models and operational models in the areas of water resources and electrical systems. Consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank for projects in Argentina, Costa Rica and Ecuador, as well as for other national and international projects. Studies completed in Colombia and at Colorado State University, United States of America (doctorate in water resources). Member of the American Geophysical Union and recipient of the Horton Award of the Union for excellence in the field of hydrology.

Hendrik Martinus Oudshoorn (Netherlands). Freelance adviser on water resources and water management. Previously, Chief Engineer, Directorate General for Public Works and Water Management; Professor of Infrastructure Planning, Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Civil Engineering. Has represented the Netherlands in various commissions on the Rhine, Scheldt and Meuse Rivers. Has participated in several international water conferences, most recently, the International Conference on Water and the Environment in Dublin, and the UNDP International Workshop on Flood Mitigation, Emergency Preparedness and Flood Management in Viet Nam.

Neculai Pavlovschi (Romania). Director, Gas Research and Design Centre. Published some 20 books, 50 articles and 15 studies for international conferences and workshops. Extensive research on heat exchange, thermal power stations, optimizing energy saving in industry and modern problems of electric and thermal energy production. Memberships include the Energy Efficiency 2000 Directorate of the Economic Commission for Europe and the Administrative Board of the Romanian Authority for Electricity.

Karlheinz Rieck (Germany). Deputy Director for International Commodity Policy within the Directorate-General for Foreign Trade and Payments. Has also held a government position in the Directorate-General for Energy Policy and Mineral Resources, Federal Ministry of Economics. Member of and participated in commodity panels of, inter alia, the Organization for European Cooperation and Development, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Common Fund for Commodities.

R. W. Roye Rutland (Australia). Executive Director of the Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics. Before joining the Bureau, was Professor of Mineralogy and Geology at the University of Adelaide. Has also held positions at University College, London, the British Geological Survey and the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Commission. Has carried out geological studies in East Africa, Norway, Chile, the Philippines and Australia. Published 70 scientific papers. International experience includes Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the International Geological Correlation Programme (funded by UNESCO), Chairman of the Advisory Board for Research and Development of the International Union of Geological Sciences and Director of the Circum-Pacific Council for Energy and Mineral Resources. Has headed the Australian delegation to the International Geological Congresses in 1984 and 1989. Honorary fellow of the Geological Society of America and of the Geological Society (United Kingdom).

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ELECTIONS

Committee on Natural Resources

Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

The Secretary-General has received additional nominations for election to the Committee on Natural Resources. The following experts were nominated by their Governments. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in the annex.

African States

Lukabu Khabouji N'Zaji (Zaire)

Asian States

Zhang Hai-Lun (China)

Latin American and Caribbean States

Regis Percy Arslanian (Brazil)
Patricio Jerez (Nicaragua)
Aldo Truccio (Argentina)

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Regis Percy Arslanian (Brazil). Member of the Brazilian foreign service. Was Head of the International Trade Division and adviser to the Director of the Economics Department. Since 1975, has participated in several intergovernmental negotiations on questions related to financial and technical cooperation, steel and iron industry (UNIDO), international trade. A graduate of University of Rio Law School and the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy; has extensive experience in United Nations and bilateral initiatives in the field of economics and technical cooperation.

Patricio Jerez (Nicaragua). Assistant Director, Nicaraguan Institute of Natural Resources and the Environment (IRENA). Expert in the preparation of forestry projects at the national level and the evaluation of regional development. Consultant in drawing up environmental impact projects, in such areas as erosion control, phytothermia, reforestation, alternative crops and management of natural resources. Professor, Department of Biology, National University of Nicaragua. Has written various feasibility studies, including technical and financial aspects in respect of the environment. Regional Director of Natural Resources and the Environment for the Western region of Nicaragua. Wrote and implemented the project regarding control of wind erosion in that region. Has represented Nicaragua in various international bodies in the area of natural resources and the environment.

Lukabu Khabouji N'Zaji (Zaire). Currently, Deputy Permanent Representative of Zaire to the United Nations, having previously served in various functions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, notably in legal affairs and the international treaty section. Specialized in international public law at the Institut universitaire de hautes études internationales, Geneva. Has represented Zaire at many international conferences and was a delegate to the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

Aldo Truccio (Argentina). Currently, full professor and chairman of wastewater treatment and consultant to the Ministry of Economy and Public Services for mining and associated topics. Formerly, associate professor in mining and consultant to the Ministry of Marine Resources. In 1975, received a doctorate in mining. Has published many articles in scientific publications on toxic residues and wastewater.

Zhang Hai-Lun (China). Adviser, Professor, Senior Engineer, Research Institute of Hydrology and Water Resources, Ministry of Water Resources. Formerly, Chief, Natural Resources Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). International experience includes member of the World Meteorological Organization Expert Panel on Education and Training and deputy representative of the Chinese delegation to the forty-first session of ESCAP. Main fields of specialization include water resources assessment, planning and management, hydrological network designs and analysis, hydropower and hydrometry.

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Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy
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Note by the Secretariat

1. By decision 1992/218 of 30 April 1992, the Economic and Social Council decided to hold elections for the membership of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, established by the same decision, at its substantive session of 1992, as an exceptional measure. By its subsequent decision 1992/222 of 29 May 1992, the Council decided on the regional allocation of seats in the Committee (see E/1992/L.25).

2. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235, the Committee is to be composed of 24 experts nominated by Governments and elected by the Economic and Social Council. Their term of office will begin on 1 January 1993. They will act in their personal capacity and are eligible for re-election.

3. The following candidates were nominated by their Governments. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in the annex.

African States

Messaoud Boumaour (Algeria)

Eastern European States

Virgil Musatescu (Romania)
Alexander Assenov Penchev (Bulgaria)
Dmitri B. Volfberg (Russian Federation)

Latin American and Caribbean States

Ronaldo Costa Filho (Brazil)
Juan Camilo Restrepo Salazar (Colombia)
Zoilo Rodas Rodas (Paraguay)

Western European and other States

Bernard Devin (France)
Ove Walter Dietrich (Denmark)
Paul Georges Gerresch (Belgium)
Paul-Georg Guthermuth (Germany)
Wolfgang Hein (Austria)
Olav Isachsen (Norway)
Thomas B. Johansson (Sweden)
Giovanni Carlo Pinchera (Italy)
Wilhelmus Cornelis Turkenburg (Netherlands)

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Messaoud Boumaour (Algeria). Head of the Laboratory for the Development of Silicon Technology. Has done extensive research on solar matter and has contributed to the development of photovoltaic energy in Algeria. Has published scientific articles both in English and in French. Post-graduate studies completed at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium (dissertation on solar matter).

Bernard Devin (France). Currently in charge of international affairs for the Agency for Environment and Energy Use, including liaison functions with the United Nations and the World Bank. Has undertaken expert missions to Jordan and Kenya for the preparation of joint programmes in the field of renewable sources of energy. Has authored several publications in the field of solar energy and served on the United Nations group of experts on uses of solar energy, which authored a report entitled "Solar energy: a strategy in support of environment and development".

Ove Walter Dietrich (Denmark). Chief Executive Officer, SEAS Electric Unity, Haslev. Previously, Director of the Department of Energy Planning and Energy Research and Development, Ministry of Energy. Member of several committees, including the Council of Nordel, the Energy Research Committee of the Council of the Nordic Ministers, and the Council for Renewable Energies. Member of IEA review teams of energy policy in Australia, New Zealand, Portugal and Greece. Has published more than 50 papers in scientific journals.

Ronaldo Costa Filho (Brazil). Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations. Previously, Officer of the Cabinet of the Minister for External Relations (MFR), and Assistant to the Head of the Asia and Oceania Division (MFR). Delegate to the 14th meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; delegate to the 1992 meeting of the United Nations Children's Fund.

Paul Georges Gerresch (Belgium). Adviser and Chief of the Coordination Service for Energy Policy in the Energy Administration, Ministry of Economic Affairs, since 1980. Has also served in the Industry Administration of the Ministry. Has participated in many international conferences on the subject of energy within the Benelux countries, the European Community and the Economic Commission for Europe. Currently, Vice-President of the Long-term Coordination Group of the International Energy Agency.

Paul-Georg Guthermuth (Germany). Head of the Division for Renewable Energies, Federal Ministry of Economics. Published several articles on nuclear law and renewable energy. Was head of the German delegation to meetings of the United Nations Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy. Vice-President of the United Nations Intergovernmental Group of Experts on New and Renewable Sources of Energy. Also Vice-President of the Economic Commission for Europe Seminar on Solar Power Systems.

Wolfgang Hein (Austria). Director of Energy and Environment Division, Federal Chancellery, Vienna. Previously, research fellow and political adviser at the Institute for Economics and Environment of the Austrian Chamber of Labour. Member of various governmental and intergovernmental committees. European Vice-President of EUROSOLAR, Bonn. Various publications in the fields of energy, environment and chemicals policy.

Olav Isachsen (Norway). Assistant Director General in the Energy and Water Resources Department, Ministry of Petroleum and Energy. Previously, head of Research and Development Division, Ministry of Petroleum and Energy. Member of various national committees and councils for research and development. Member of the Working Party on Renewable Energy in the International Energy Agency (IEA). Also, member of the Committee on Energy Research and Technology in IEA.

Thomas B. Johansson (Sweden). Professor of Energy Systems Analysis, Department of Environmental and Energy Systems Studies, Lund University and Institute of Technology. Member of the Swedish Government Environment Advisory Council. Member of the Technical Advisory Group of the Joint World Bank/UNDP Energy Sector Management Assistance Programme. Chairman of the United Nations Solar Energy Group for Environment and Development, 1990-1991. Co-author of several books. Published more than 50 scientific papers on energy.

Virgil Musatescu (Romania). University lecturer at the Polytechnic Institute, Bucharest; Director of the Energy Oil and Gas Division, Ministry of Industry. Has presented papers at various international meetings, seminars and workshops. Member of two expert groups of the Economic Commission for Europe. Member of the American Society of Petroleum Engineers. Has been awarded certificates for inventions in the fields of hydraulics, sand control and gas wells.

Alexander Assenov Penchev (Bulgaria). Chief coordinator at Ecoterm Engineering, in charge of research and development. Supervisor in the field of renewable energy sources. Previously, employed at the Scientific Research Division of the Napolos R&D Laboratories. Main fields of specialization include conversion and the use of solar energy, geo-thermal energy, and wind energy. Experience also includes biogas installations and installations for the utilization of waste heat. Has made several inventions in the above areas.

Giovanni Carlo Pinchera (Italy). Adviser, Department of Energy and Environment of the Italian Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Environment; Adviser to the Italian Minister of Environment on Energy and Climate Change Policy issues. Chairman of OECD Group on Energy and Environment. Represented Italy at the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change. Member of several international and national committees and working groups. Author and/or co-author of more than 100 scientific articles. Award of Honour of the International Liquid Metal Boiling Group.

Juan Camilo Restrepo Salazar (Colombia). Former Minister of Mines and Energy. Has also held the position of President of "Acerias del Rio", Secretary and Assessor of the Monetary Board, President of the National Commission of Values, and Commercial Manager and Representative of the National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia for the International Organization of Coffee, in London.

Zoilo Rodas Rodas (Paraguay). Since 1989, Chairman of the National Electricity Administration of Paraguay. Former Chairman of the Commission for Regional Electrical Integration (1989-1991). Former Chairman of the Paraguayan Centre of Engineers (1987-1989). Has represented his country in numerous international conferences on rurual electrification, electrical systems and natural resources. Member of the Paraguayan-Hispanic Cultural Centre and the Paraguayan-French Chamber of Commerce.

Wilhelmus Cornelis Turkenburg (Netherlands). Professor of Science, Technology and Society at the University of Utrecht. Member and Chairman of several international and national committees and working groups, including the Board of the Society for Renewable Energy ISES-Nederland, the Working Group on Renewable Energy Sources of the World Energy Council, and the Programming Group on Sustainable Solutions of the Netherlands Research Programme on Global Atmospheric Pollution and Climate Change. Consultant to the JOULE R&D Programme of the European Community, and to the World Bank for solar PV (GEF). Author and co-author of more than 150 scientific papers.

Dmitri B. Volfberg (Russian Federation). Head of the Energy Department of the Ministry of Science, Higher Education and Technology. Member of the World Energy Council and of the Council's Commission "Energy for Tomorrow's World". Author of many scientific monographs, books and articles dealing with energy problems. Member of several national editorial boards of professional magazines in the field of energy. Has participated in various international meetings and conferences on energy. Has served as international expert to the Economic Commission for Europe to prepare a special report on climate change.

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Addendum

The Secretary-General has received additional nominations for election to the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development. The following experts were nominated by their Governments. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in the annex.

African States

Christian Atoki Ileka (Zaire)

Asian States

Marcelino K. Actouka (Federated States of Micronesia)
Mohammad Al Ramadhan (Kuwait)
E. V. R. Sastry (India)
Zhang Guocheng (China)

Latin American and Caribbean States

José Luis Bozzo (Uruguay)

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Marcelino K. Actouka (Federated States of Micronesia). Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the Pacific Basin Development Council. Member of the Northern Marianas Society of Professional Engineers, Surveyors and Architects; International Solar Energy Society, Australia and New Zealand Section, Pacific and Asian Affairs Council; Marine Technology Society. Has authored several publications on energy conservation and technology transfer. Has attended and was keynote speaker at numerous international conferences, including the 1981 Bio-energy International Conference in Sweden.

Mohammad Al Ramadhan (Kuwait). Manager of the Energy Department of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR). Research in the areas of combustion, energy conservation, energy/environment interaction, cooling of greenhouses and heat improvement of power plants. Represented Kuwait at several international conferences, workshops and seminars, including the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change. Has published several papers and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Kuwait Engineering Society.

José Luis Bozzo (Uruguay). Since 1979, Assistant National Director for Energy. Was Chairman of the National Atomic Energy Commission and National Director for Nuclear Technology in 1986 and 1987. Headed official delegations that negotiated energy agreements with neighbouring countries. Member of numerous interministerial committees on energy-related policy matters.

Christian Atoki Ileka (Zaire). Since October 1991, Counsellor (Economic Affairs and Finance) at the Permanent Mission of Zaire to the United Nations. Previously, Head of the Africa and Middle East Bureau, Department of External Affairs, and Coordinator, Department of International Cooperation. From 1988 to 1989, head of the Africa, Caribbean, Pacific and European Economic Community Bureau. Department delegate to the negotiations for and responsible for the follow-up of the Lomé IV Agreement. Studies completed at Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.

E. V. R. Sastry (India). Currently Director, Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. This Department is part of the Ministry responsible for development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy. Formerly, Senior Scientific Officer, International Affairs Division, Department of Science and Technology. Principal area of responsibility has been solar photovoltaics, but has also been associated with international programmes in new and renewable sources of energy. Travelled extensively, participating in conferences and meetings, including the Intergovernmental Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, held in 1986 and the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Solar Energy, held in 1991. Authored scientific papers and reports.

Zhang Guocheng (China). Deputy Director, Senior Engineer, Energy Division, Department of Industry, at the State Science and Technology Commission. Mainly involved in the planning and management of projects on energy and new and renewable sources of energy development in China. Has also worked on projects on energy and new and renewable sources of energy development in other developing countries. Has published several books and papers on energy.